



Reception Information for Parents / Carers 2021-2022

PE Days – Wednesday and Friday

- All children are to wear school uniform. All clothing must be **named** as there is no central lost property box.
- PE; children should come to school dressed in a tracksuit and trainers on their PE days (see the top of this letter for your child's PE days). PE kit will be worn for the full day and wherever possible PE lessons will take place outside. Remember that **PE kit must be a uniform sweatshirt/hoodie top with blue tracksuit bottoms, black shorts and white tee shirt**. All uniform information is on the school website.
- Beach school; dates and groupings will be confirmed in a letter prior to each visit; please ensure you have the correct visit date for your child. On the morning of your child's beach visit they must come to school in the appropriate clothing as detailed in the visit letter; we aim to leave school by 9.15am and therefore do not have time to get children ready in class or wait for kit to be brought from home. Children will NOT get changed into their full school uniform when they return from the beach. Please send in a change of trousers, socks and shoes / trainers only. Remember, when buying new waterproof jackets we suggest that you buy them slightly bigger so that you can still fit a warm coat underneath in the cold weather.
- Topics for the year are attached to this letter.
- **Dropping off**
Children may be accompanied by ONE adult only. Please be punctual. ALL main school classes will close their doors at 8.55am. If you need to drop a child off late or collect a child early please wait in the main porch with a mask on.
Reception pupils to be dropped at the Nursery door 8.45-8.55.
- **Collection**
There are to be absolutely no last minute changes to collection arrangements- children and staff must know who is collecting them each day. Office staff should not be required to move between class bubbles to pass on messages. Children may be collected by ONE adult only.
Reception collection is from the Nursery yard at 3.00-3.10 prompt.
- Once home school reading commences in Reception, reading books will be sent home on a **TUESDAY** and a **FRIDAY**.
- Homework will be given on a **Friday** and must be returned by **Tuesday**.
- PPA arrangements; on a Thursday afternoon Mrs. Robinson has non-contact time. Mrs. Birks will be teaching the class.
- In Reception we use whiteboards and whiteboard pens a lot. We teach children to replace lids, not wave the pens about, be careful around others etc. but we can't guarantee that your child won't get pen marks on any clothes they wear. This is particularly important to bear in mind on non-uniform days and birthdays; please don't send your child to school on these days in their newest / best/ favourite clothes.
- Absence: please call school on the first day of your child's absence. School operates a first day absence call system.
- Illness: children MUST be kept off school for a minimum of 24 hours after sickness or cases of diarrhoea unless there is an outbreak when this will become 48 hours. If you suspect a case of COVID-19 in your household, please seek medical advice from the NHS and where applicable get tested, self-isolate and INFORM school. During the year we may be required to close classes on the advice of PHE, in which case work packs will be provided.
- Medicines and care plans should be clearly labelled and handed in at the office. Please remember to wear a mask when entering the school building.
- Holidays should not be taken during term time. Fines are now reinstated.
- Please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle at school every day with fresh water in it. Drinking water throughout the day has been proven to improve concentration and learning. Please do not fill water bottles with juice.
- Children can have a fruit snack at break time if they wish. If your child is bringing a snack in from home, please ensure it is a healthy one. If you wish to give your child grapes or small cherry tomatoes, please cut in half lengthways to avoid a choking hazard. A polite reminder that we are a NUT FREE school.
- No jewellery is to be worn.
- Emergency contacts: these details are vital for illness and other emergencies. A home telephone which does not accept incoming calls can NOT be used as a contact.

- Parental contact with teachers will continue to be by note, or by emailing the class email address. If you would like a longer conversation please arrange this with the teacher directly and an appointment will be made.
- There are no planned performances, parents' evenings, sports' day or class assemblies for the foreseeable future; this will be kept under review. You will receive a short written report in October and February and a detailed written report for your child in July.
- Enrichment Days will still take place in classes.
- Children may use scooters or bikes as the one way pedestrian system will no longer be in place. Please remember these must be locked as the cycle shed is not under constant supervision. Bikes and scooters MUST be pushed along on the school site for safety reasons.
- On sunny days can we please ask that your child has a sunhat and that you apply sun-cream to your child before coming to school. If the sun-cream is not a 'long-life' cream please teach your child to put their own sun-cream on ready for lunchtime as adults are not allowed to help. Also a reminder that children must not share their sun-cream with others.
- Don't forget to use the school website and Facebook page for important information and dates.
www.beaconhill.northumberland.sch.uk

Many thanks for your support in the year to come.
The Reception Team